

**Cincinnati Hebrew Day School**  
**Samuel and Rachel Boymel Campus**  
**Newsletter**  
**Thursday, 28 Tishrei ~ 5770 October 16, 2009**

*PARSHAS: Bereshis*

**Friday Night Candle Lighting 6:39 p.m.**

**Havdala 7:39 p.m.**

**H1N1 flu vaccinations will be given Wednesday morning, October 21**

**(volunteers may be needed; please call if you are available)**

**Please be reminded that consent forms for H1N1 flu vaccinations were due this week. Late forms will not be accepted beyond Monday morning; we will be calling the county on Monday afternoon to give them the final number of vaccinations requested for Wednesday.**

Dear Parents and Friends:

This week, once again, we are faced with the exciting Mitzvah of starting to read the Torah from the beginning. Lessons abound from the events that we are all familiar with. The following idea is based on a lecture I once heard, based on the teachings of Rav Pam Zt”l, Rosh Yeshiva of Torah Vodaas.

In the Biblical account of creation, we are told that Adam was commanded not to eat from the tree of knowledge. When he passed on this information to Eve, however, he added a level of protection, cautioning her against even touching this tree. Under normal circumstances, this would seem a logical safeguard; however, the results were tragic. The Midrash teaches that the snake took advantage of this miscommunication (after all, Adam did not tell Eve that the basic prohibition was only against eating), and pushed Eve into the tree. By doing so, he was able to show her that no harm came as a result of touching the tree. So too, he argued, should she be able to eat from the tree! Just as the prohibition against touching was seen to be untrue, so too must the prohibition against eating be false.

From this event, explains Rabbi Pam, we learn the need to be careful and explicit in our teaching of Torah. When a teacher or a parent explains that something is forbidden when it is ‘merely’ a custom or stringency, and a child subsequently sees upstanding Jews who do not follow the stringency or custom, the child comes to question the teacher or parent. ‘What else did he tell me that is not really so?’ Their authority is thereby weakened, as is the significance of the Torah. In the opinion of the Chinnuch, this teacher or parent has transgressed the prohibition of adding on to the commandments of the Torah, by failing to make a distinction between Torah law and Rabbinic law, stringency or custom.

This shows the need for accuracy in teaching. Rabbinic ordinances may have to be waived in some cases. Some customs may not apply in some communities. These distinctions may seem trivial to some people, but failing to make distinctions in Jewish Law may leave the beginner in a state of confusion.

If we can extend this concept, I am reminded of an incident I once saw years ago, in which a well-meaning mother forbade her son from eating something that other children were happily eating, explaining that it was ‘poison.’ Surely, her intentions were pure. But on some level, perhaps, she undermined her credibility when the child saw that the ‘poison’ was edible to others.

May we rise to the challenge of Rav Pam, with clear education, and dissemination of the Torah.

Wishing you a great Shabbos,

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman, Principal

## School News

**Swine Flu Vaccination Notice:** As mentioned on page 1 of the bulletin, the Hamilton County Health Department will be giving out the swine flu vaccinations on Wednesday, October 21st. Receiving shots (or even nasal mist) can be disconcerting for some children- even in middle school grades. While we will do everything we can to aid in the comfort of your children, we acknowledge that parents are often irreplaceable at times like this. Consequently, we encourage parents to accompany children who are apprehensive about shots. The tentative schedule for students to receive shots is as follows: 1st and 2nd grade: 9:00 a.m., Kindergarten: 9:30; 3rd and 4th grade: 9:50; 5th and 6th grade: 10:15; 7th and 8th grade: 10:30. Please note that these times are **TENTATIVE** and depend on when they start, and how many children will be vaccinated. If you would like to call the school number or Rabbi Kernerman's cell (328-2932) for a schedule update Wednesday morning, we will be happy to help. Thanks to the PTA, refreshments will be available for parents who are waiting to accompany their children.

## What’s New In The Classroom?

In Gemara---The seventh grade boys spent their week reviewing the 1st two Blatt of Arvei Pesachim (which was Elul and Tishrei’s material) and did so quite successfully . The most recent Sugya (piece of Gemara) learned dealt with the weekly issue of needing "Kiddush in the same place as a "Meal", of which we all encounter if we partake in eating at a Kiddush in shul on Shabbos mornings.

In Navi--The sixth and seventh grade boys finished Perek Beis just before Succos and now have begun Perek Gimmel where Shmuel receives his first Nevuah/prophecy from Hashem.

In Dinim class with Rabbi Travis, the girls have begun their study of the laws of Kashrus, with a look at the Torah sources and restrictions (both Torah and Rabbinic) in the prohibition of “milk and Meat”.

In Mrs. Kernernamn’s chumash class, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls just finished the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Parshas Bamidbar. They learned about the nation’s encampment in the desert, and the flags that represented each tribe.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls are learning in Parsha’s Balak that Bilam was forced to admit that Hashem is ultimately in control, but nevertheless, Bilam chose to go to Balak to curse the nation.

In Ivrit, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls are writing Hebrew poems on the topic of creation in honor of Parshas Bereishis.

In Navi, the 7th and 8th grade girls completed Perek Beis of Shmuel Beis, where Avner and Yoav call a truce after their duel.

This week in Chumash, the 8th grade girls studied the pasukim in Bamidbar on the Masa'os (journeys) and the Shiras HaBa'er (the song of the well).

Mr. Meadows' eighth grade algebra students are learning to solve multi-step equations and equations with variables on both sides. The seventh grade pre algebra students are solving one-step equations and inequalities. In the sixth grade math class, students are learning about variables and how to write algebraic expressions.

In Language Arts classes with Mrs. Polsky, students are back in full gear! All classes are plowing ahead in their vocabulary studies. To introduce the new unit, each class participated in a variation of the game "Balderdash." The sixth graders are focusing on grammar as well, identifying the four sentence types: declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory. Meanwhile, the seventh and eighth graders are continuing their short story studies and working on essays that identify conflicts (multiple) experienced by characters in the stories.

Mrs. DeBow's 6th grade Social Studies class created imaginary maps as a final activity for their unit on types of maps. They had to create a map of an imaginary place based on the real components that are on most maps. You can check out their creative ideas in the back hallway of the school.

**After School Mishnayos** – Rabbi Eli Polsky will be leading boys once again this year Monday and Wednesdays after school from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Open to grades 5 and up. Starts Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Lunch Program Note:** If your child comes late to school, please ensure that they order lunch before going to class. There have been occasions where several students have failed to do so, and consequently not enough portions were prepared.

## **SHERUT LEUMI VOLUNTEER UPDATE**

Please contact Ahuva Goldman at 531-4440 to host the Sherut girls for Shabbat and Yom Tov meals.

This week the Sherut Leumi volunteers had their first Israel club for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade girls.

On Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> fifth grade boys will have their first meeting of Israel Club after school.

A beautiful new banner: **Mashiv Haruach Umorid HaGeshem**, welcomes everyone back from their festive break, in the entryway to the school. Thank you Shiraz and Nofit!

In honor of Rosh Chodesh, the girls would love ALL STUDENTS to come to school on Monday wearing white shirts!

## **SHABBOS ACTIVITIES**

**Pirchei** this week will be for **Grades 3-5** from 3:30-4:30 pm **Please do not send your child early.** Next Shabbos, October 24th will be the first week of Pirchei for **Grades 1 & 2.** Stay tuned for more details.

Mazel Tov to the **34 boys** who participated and qualified for prizes through the **Pirchei Succos Learning Program.** See attached flyer for a list of all of our MASMIDIM. Keep your eyes open on upcoming bulletins for details on the Banquet and how to claim your well deserved prizes!!!

The parsha class given by Paula Weinberg will resume this Shabbos, Parshas Bereishis, at 5:30 p.m., at her home, at 6885 Farm Acres Drive.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Box tops** – the deadline for box tops is this Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> for this quarter. Please scour your kitchen and bring in those boxtops!

**Girls' Chanukah Production-** Plans are underway for this year's girls' Chanukah production. Every girl in **grades 3-8** should have brought home a letter and permission slip this week. If you did not receive one, or have any other questions, please contact Gayle (631-5293 or [gjstat@juno.com](mailto:gjstat@juno.com)). Choir practice with Mrs. Schwartzbaum begins **this Monday, October 19**, after school (see the letter for the times for each grade). Each girl should bring her signed permission slip and \$10 to help cover costs to the first practice.

**Cholim List** The updated cholim list for Cheshvan is attached to this week's newsletter. If you would like to receive this list via e-mail, please contact Gayle at [gjstat@juno.com](mailto:gjstat@juno.com).

**Save the Date** Rebbetzin Holly Pavlov will be coming to speak in Cincinnati on **Sunday, November 15.** Rebbetzin Pavlov is the founder and director of She'arim, a learning program in Jerusalem for adult

women. She has also authored two books. *Mirrors of Our Lives: Reflections of Women in Tanach* and *Water from the Well: Reflections on Being a Jew at the End of History*.

**RITSS High School** is in the need of another van. Our student body is growing and we need another van for school outings. Please let us know if you can help.

**Girls Volleyball** (grades 3 - 6) Wednesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 (8 classes) Beginning October 28. \$80 member \$112 public. To register, you can call [761-7500](tel:761-7500), or stop by the front desk. Feel free to contact Cathy Weinberger if you need additional information.

**Free** - Shmiras Haloshon Yomi Calendar Booklets for "Guard Your Tongue" and also for Sefer "Shmiras Haloshon" and Sefer "Chafetz Chaim" are now available for the year 5770. For questions please call Fran Behrman @351-2989 or E-Mail: [pheigh@fuse.net](mailto:pheigh@fuse.net).

Please join the worldwide Morning Machsom L'Fi 9:00-10:00 a.m. daily. Sponsored by the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation (CCHF) and endorsed by the Gedolim. Do it for zechus (merit) for any needs. This important mitzvah constitutes verbally accepting extra caution in Shmiras Haloshon during that hour. For more information or to join: 212-444-9898. For e-mail, put "Join" in the subject line, and email to: [join@morningmachsomfi.org](mailto:join@morningmachsomfi.org). (An email order form will be sent to you.)

**What is the Cincinnati Mishmeres?** A Mishmeres/Machsom Lifi is a time period when one is extra careful with shmiras haloshon. The Cincinnati Mishmeres follows the rules set up by the rabbonim of the mishmeres in Yerushalayim. There are two cycles of mishmeres per month. Each member can choose a two hour slot between 6:00 A.M. and 12:00 A.M. They will be given the Hebrew name of a person to do this mitzvah as a merit for his/her need. Members of our community may submit names of people for whom the mishmeres will be a zechus. To join or submit names, please call 351-2989.

**Tzidkath Yoseph Naphtali-** Rabbi A. D. Motzen is collecting money for needy families in Israel for the Yomim Tovim. Tzidkath Yoseph Naphtali is a very reputable organization, run by volunteers where all of the money goes directly to the needy.

**Take 'N Bake for CHESHVAN: SHIDDUCHIM** The next scheduled Take 'N Bake will be next Friday, October 23 (or Thursday night) -- sorry! we're off Shabbos M'varchim by a week. To participate this month and/or add names, please contact Michal Mendelsberg ([mmendelsberg@gmail.com](mailto:mmendelsberg@gmail.com) or 513-351-6637) by Tuesday, October 20.

**Ipod for Sale** – Ipod nano, 4<sup>th</sup> generation for sale. For more information, contact Almog Sulam at (513) 351-7577.

**Attention Women:** If you would like to schedule an appointment to have your wig cut, my (twin) sister, a very experienced shatel macher from Israel, will be in for two days and will be available for a few evening appointments on Monday, October 26 and Tuesday, October 27. Full cuts will be \$110.00, recuts \$85.00. Call Yiddes at 351-1146 if you would like to schedule.

**Do you enjoy making seniors smile?** JEEP! Jewish Education for Every Person is hiring someone to head our "Five Minutes for Every Bubby and Zaydie" program. This program provides warm Jewish visits for seniors in nursing homes, etc. JEEP is also hiring a part-time administrative assistant. [jewisheducate@gmail.com](mailto:jewisheducate@gmail.com)

Aryeh's having his UPSHERIN! Please join us in our simcha at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> at CHDS. -Cobi and Atara Robinson

**Mazel Tov to:**

Rabbi and Mrs. Mayer and Chaya Kahn on the birth of a granddaughter to their daughter, Baila.

**Lost** - A Pittsburgh Pirates baseball cap, toddler size, was lost this past summer during Camp Ashreinu.  
If it accidentally went home with you please call Leah Politzer at 513-337-5676. Thank you.

**Lost:** A sum of money, found by a student at school. Please see Rabbi Kernerman.

On behalf of the staff, Shabbat Shalom – Gut Shabbos,

Rabbi Yuval Kernerman, Principal

Mrs. Susan Shapiro, Director of Curriculum